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SUBJECT: GOP REQUESTS U.S. FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE  
IN TRANSPORT OF CURRENCY

1. AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM GOV

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ALEX MELCHOR URGENTLY REQUESTING  
EMBASSY'S AID IN OBTAINING FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR  
PLANNED STOPS OF GOP AIRCRAFT IN TEHRAN AND BANGKOK.  
SUCH ASSISTANCE WOULD INCLUDE GROUND SERVICING OF PHIL  
HERCULES L-100-20 (STRETCHED C-130) PI -97 OR ITS  
ALTERNATE PI-99 AT FACILITIES UNDER U.S. CONTROL TEHRAN  
AND BANGKOK AIRPORTS. GOP HAS ALSO REQUESTED U.S. ASSISTANCE  
IN ARRANGING BILLETING ACCOMMODATIONS FOR  
CREW DURING PLANNED OVERNIGHT STOPS. GOP WOULD, OF  
COURSE, PAY FOR ALL COSTS OF SERVICES.

2. PROJECT IS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL. PHIL GOVERNMENT HAS  
DECREED THAT ALL CURRENCY MUST BE OVERPRINTED WITH WORDS  
BAGUNG LIPUNAN (NEW SOCIETY) BY END OF 1973. CURRENCY  
WITHOUT OVER-PRINTING WILL BECOME INVALID AFTER DECEMBER 31.  
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QUOEM DECREE IS DESIGNED TO FORCE HOLDERS OF LARGE CACHES

OF CURRENCY TO REVEAL THEMSELVES AND, HOPEFULLY, ENABLE  
GOP TO TAKE TAX EVASION ACTION AGAINST THEM. PLANNED  
L-100-20 FLIGHTS WILL TRANSPORT CURRENCY HELD BY CENTRAL BANK  
TO WELL-KNOWN LARGE CURRENCY PRINTER'S PLANT IN NEW CASTLE,  
UNITED KINGDOM, FOR OVER-PRINTING, AFTER WHICH CURRENCY WILL  
BE RETURNED TO PHILIPPINES.

3. INITIAL FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO DEPART PHILIPPINES ON AUGUST  
13. OVERNIGHT STOP PLANNED AT TEHERAN EVENING AUGUST 13.  
RETURN FLIGHT FROM NEW CASTLE WOULD DEPART AUGUST 18 WITH  
OVERNIGHT STOP, AGAIN, IN TEHERAN AUGUST 18 AND IN BANGKOK  
ON AUGUST 19.

4. OTHER FLIGHTS WOULD BE SCHEDULED SUBSEQUENTLY. PHIL  
GOVERNMENT IS MAKING ARRANGEMENTS THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS  
WITH VARIOUS GOVERNMENTS ALONG OVERALL FLIGHT ROUTE OF AIRCRAFT  
FOR LANDING AND OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES.

5. GOP IS SEEKING U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THIS PROJECT  
IN BELIEF THAT U.S. CONTROLLED FACILITIES WOULD AFFORD  
AIRCRAFT AND CARGO MAXIMUM SECURITY. REQUEST EMBASSY BE  
ADVISED IF ACTION POSTS CAN PROVIDE FACILITIES GOP  
SEEKING.

6. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS EXPLAINED TO GOP THAT AIRFIELD

FACILITIES IN TEHERAN AND BANGKOK ARE UNDER CONTROL  
RESPECTIVELY OF IRANIAN AND THAI GOVERNMENTS, BUT THAT U.S.  
AIRCRAFT USE THESE FACILITIES AND PRESUMABLY WOULD  
HAVE LIMITED AMOUNT OF APRON SPACE AVAILABLE FOR SERVICING  
AND OVERNIGHT PARKING OF GOP L-100, IF LOYAL POLITICAL  
CONSTRAINTS WOULD PERMIT U.S. TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PHIL  
REQUEST.

7. FOR BANGKOK: THOUGH MELCHOR'S REQUEST MENTIONS  
"BANGKOK," WE FEEL SURE PHILS WOULD BE HAPPY TO USE ONE  
OF UP-COUNTRY BASES AS ALTERNATE IF ARGANGEMENTS WITH THAI  
AND OUR MILITARY AUTHORITIES SHOULD SEEM EASIER THERE.  
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